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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the referenced application, please amend the application without prejudice as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A frost resistant heating/cooling fluid containing alkali salts of acetic acid and/or formic acid, [characterized in that it] wherein the fluid further contains a corrosion inhibitor [in the form of] consisting of a mixture selected from the group of [a] C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>16</sub> monocarboxylic acid; [or] alkali-salt, ammonium-salt, [or] and amino-salts of [said] C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>16</sub> monocarboxylic acid[,]; [a] C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>16</sub> dicarboxylic acid, [or] alkali-salt, ammonium-salt and [or] amino-salts of [said] C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>16</sub> dicarboxylic acid[,]; and [also] a triazole.

2. (Amended) A cooling fluid according to claim 1, [characterized in that it] wherein the fluid contains between 5 and 50 weight-% alkali salts of an acid selected from the group consisting of acid and[/or] formic acid calculated on the weight of the fluid.

3. (Amended) A cooling fluid according to claim 1 [or 2], [characterized in that it] wherein the fluid contains between 0.4 and 10 weight-%[, preferably between 0.5 and 2 weight-%] of the corrosion inhibitor, calculated on the total weight of the cooling fluid.

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